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## The Ninth National Council

The minutes of the Ninth National Council meeting and the proposed revised National Constitution and By-Laws are presented in full in the succeeding pages of this issue. They represent hard, conscientious work on the part of the whole Council, collectively and individually. As to how well the work has been done, that is for every member of the Fraternity to judge for himself.

The legislation is a composite of the judgments of the twenty-nine different councillors, representing as many different, and sometimes widely varying, viewpoints. But unity and sincerity of purpose made harmony in securing results possible. No councillor went back to his chapter with all the legislation he had hoped for; but all came away with the consciousness of the fact that on the real fundamentals of our Fraternity, we are a unit.

The way is continuously open, during the whole biennium, for any member, whether on the campus or in the field, who sees need for further legislation, to get action upon his views by means of the initiative, as provided in the National Constitution. Thus, after all, the legislative work of our Fraternity is just what we, all together, wish it to be.

ABEL J. McALLISTER

**National Secretary** 

### Appointment of Committees

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carry on an investigation among local chapters in regard to the use of a score card.

(3) To work out a series of recommendations in regard to the procedure which local chapters may take in selecting candidates and in getting their cases clearly presented to the local chapters. The personnel of the committee includes

the following members: Lewis W. Williams (Chairman), James E. Hillman, Homer J. Smith, W. H. Charch, William T. Roach, Herbert Popenoe, D. C.

Troth.
The purpose of the Ritual Committee. is to make a study during the next two years of the initiation ceremony, to make any needed changes or revisions in it, and to have it in completed form by the time of the next Council Meeting. The following members have been appointed to serve on the committee:

J. David Houser (Chairman), Walter E. Morgan, B. G. Childs, C. K. Searles, E. R. Mosher, Everett Gunn, C. R. Wise.
In the third place, there has been loss

of time and effort during the last year and a half, together with some slight misunderstandings, which the Executive Committee believes can be eliminated through the formulation of sets of directions to chapters. Within a short time, the necessary directions will be prepared and submitted to the chapters as well as being printed in the Phi Delta Kappan.

I trust that we shall have the pleasure of meeting each reader of the Phi Delta Kappan at the Fraternity Dinner, Tuesday, February 28, a detailed announcement of which appears on another page of the magazine.

WILLIAM S. GRAY National President

### The Chapter Historian

The Ninth Council is recommending a constitutional provision for the creation of a new office in each chapter, that of Historian. It is true that some activity suggested by the title of Historian has been carried on by chapter secretaries, and it is also true that a distinct office of this name has obtained in some chapters, although its activity has usually been but nominal.

But the present situation in the Fraternity is such that it is believed that the attention of a special officer to such matters is necessary; and it is certain that for the next two years considerable responsibility will be attached to the office in each chapter if the second official history of the Fraternity is to be all that it may and should be.

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